THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) ONGC charter hires Indian Flag Vessels from Indian Shipping Companies and these OSVs are since operating in accordance with the formula known as the Director General Shipping Formula appruved by Government of India. ONGC also charter hires OSVs from the open market through International Com petitive Bidding on the basis of day charter rates on a need basis.

(c) Does not arise.

Supply of gas from ONGC to Trombay Therma/ Power Station

1241. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHIWARI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to stale:

(a) whether there was a committed quantity of 1.5 MMSCMD of gas for supply from ONGC to Trombay Thermal Power Station of Tata Electric Companies;

ilu it so, how long this committed , " maintained to this power lion-

D the quantity of gas supplied during the year 1992-93 and 199? "

(d) whether it was cut down to 0.3 MMSCMD, at any time? if so, the reasons for the same; and

(e) whether Government are aware of the impact of reduction in supply of gas to Trombay Power Station on the stability of the power to the city of Bombay and what actions are being taken by Government to ensure the supply of committed quantity of ga_s to the power station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM **AND** NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The average annual supply was above 1.5 MMSCMD upto 1992-93.

(c) (992-93 • • 1.58 MMSCMD
1993-94 . . • 1.15 MMSCMD

fd) The commitment was reduced to 0,5 MMSCMD from June 1992 to September 1994 on account of reduced availability of gas.

(e) The average supply during April-November 1994 has been above 1.5 MMSCMD.

Agreement between Damania Airways and IOC

1242. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will tho Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Damania Airways, the private airlines has signed a Memorandum of Understanding wiih the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for the import and handling of aviation turbine fuel;

(h) it so. the details thereof and reasons therefor, and

tc) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) According to the Memorandum of Understanding, M|s. Damania Airways wll provide Special Import Licence, available under Govt. Scheme on promotion of exports and Indian Oil Corporation will import Aviation Turbine Fuel against the said Licence on behalf of Damania Airways, subject to provisions of Import and Export Policy 1992-97 and directives of rbe Government.

Derision regarding hiring *ft* private Sector Tankers on Monthly Basis

1243. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oi[1] Coordination Committee has recently de cided to hire private sector tankers on monthly basis against the normal practice of hiring such vessels for a minimum period of one year; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons there for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) (a) and (b) According to the existing policy, first priority for crude transportation is given to Indian Flag tankes *of* Public Sector Undertaking (Shipping Corporation of Indian and afier utilising fully public sector tankers, additional Tonnage requirement are mc-t F*oni private sector Indian F'aj? tanken.

Shipping Corporation of India hai purchased four newly built Suezmj Tankers, out of which two have alreac been received and two more are expecte in January and May, 95 respectively. *J* per tonnage assessment, arrival of tb.ii and fourth Suezmax tankers would crea surplus tonnage. Because of this, priva sector suezmax tankers time charter being renewed on a monthly basis.

Product/on by IOBL

1244. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHER-IEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEU] AND NA iURAL GAS be pleased state:

(a) what is the actual production the plan?* o indian Oil Blending Lt (.IOBD 3 -.-ub-idiary of IOC in the ye; f°91-92, 1992-93 anj 1993-94;

ib) wba is the production of blendii plant of IOC at Madras during the sari >,ears;

fc) what are the sales figures vis-a-i production

(J i whether IOC and its subsidia had to -e ort to lower production d to excesi 'nveiitory and loss of sale di thee years; and

(e) whi has been the production a sale in h ',se planets till d:<te during t 6n?nciaJ : aar 1994-95?

THE V 1NISTF.R OF STATE, OF Tl M1MISTR *:* OF PETROLEUM AT NATURAL GAS CAPTATN SATI SNARJ 'A 11 (a) and (b) The actual p ' action i i the plants of IOBL at Bo *be*-Calcutta, V?.shi and IOC's pi: at Mating during the last three years A as under: